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Applicants: Masahiro KAGEYAMA et al.  
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Group: 2172  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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June 15, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2005, and preliminary to the examination of the RCE being filed concurrently with this amendment, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.